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Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

Election of eight members of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues from among candidates nominated by Governments

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The following persons have been nominated by their Governments for election to the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues:*

Simon William M'Viboudoulou (Congo)

Paimaneh Hasteh (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Andrey A. Nikiforov (Russian Federation)

Adolfo Chávez Beyuma (Plurinational State of Bolivia)

Alvaro Esteban Pop Ac (Guatemala)

Mirian Masaquiza (Ecuador)

Gabriel Muyuy Jacanamejoy (Colombia)

Eva Rita Katarina Biaudet (Finland)

Bartolomé Clavero Salvador (Spain)

Megan Davis (Australia)

2. The candidates' curricula vitae follow.

* Information on the terms of office and pattern for election to the Permanent Forum and list of nominees from Governments is contained in document E/2010/9/Add.8.

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African States

Simon William M'Viboudoulou (Congo)

Current position: Judge — Director of international legal affairs

Education and academic qualifications

1982-1986	First cycle of higher studies, Faculty of law of the Marien Ngouabi University, Brazzaville, Congo.
1986-1988	Second cycle of professional higher studies, National school of administration and magistracy, Brazzaville, Congo.

Diplomas

1986	Bachelor's degree in law, elective in private law.
1988	Diploma of magistracy.

Work experience

May 2008-present	Director of international legal affairs, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Brazzaville, Congo.
1999-2009	Vice-President, Owando high court and Acting President of the Oyo court.
1999-2009	Member of the Commission on eligibility for refugee status.
1998-1999	Vice-President, Dolisie high court; concurrently, Acting President, Madingou high court.
1996-1998	President of the second criminal chamber of the Pointe-Noire high court.
1994-1996	Judge, Impfondo high court.
1989-1994	Judge, Pointe-Noire high court.

Other relevant experience

- Seminar of the Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa, August 2004, Brazzaville
- Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) seminar on the development of Africa, April-May 2007, Seoul, Republic of Korea
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Conference of Ministers of Justice, Rabat (Morocco), May 2008
- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Saly workshop, Dakar (Senegal), June 2008
- Multiregional cooperation programme on transnational crime, United States Department of State, Washington, D.C. (United States of America), October 2008

- International conference on the rights of women and children, San Francisco, California (United States of America), February 2009
- Forty-sixth session of the African Commission on Human and People's Rights, Banjul, Gambia, November 2009
- Independent national consultant to the Ministry of Social Affairs and the United Nations Children's Fund for the preparation of the 2005-2010 periodic report on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child (since December 2009)

United Nations languages spoken: French, English.

Asian States

Paimaneh Hasteh (Islamic Republic of Iran)

Nationality: Iranian

Languages: English, Arabic (knowledge), Persian (mother tongue)

Education

1988 Master of Science, Occupational and Environmental Health, Wayne State University, College of Pharmacy and Allied Health, Detroit, Michigan, United States of America.

1985 Postgraduate study, environmental sciences, School of Public Health, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, United States of America.

1984 Bachelor of Science, environmental sciences, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, United States of America.

Work experience

2008-present Expert, Managing Editor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tehran.

2007-2008 Consultant, Asia-Pacific Division, United Nations Population Fund, New York.

2003-2007 Special Adviser, human rights and social affairs, Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations, New York.

2000-2003 Director, Department of Human Rights and Women's Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tehran.

1998-2000 Director, Department of International Social Affairs and Women, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tehran.

1993-1998 Adviser to the Mayor of Tehran on Environmental Affairs, Tehran.

1992-1998 Managing Director, Air Quality Control Company (AQCC), Municipality of Tehran, Tehran.

1995-1997 Instructor, Environmental Studies, Azad University, Tehran.

1991-1992 Director, Department of Air Pollution Control, Traffic Control Company, Municipality of Tehran, Tehran.

Participation and positions in regional and international forums

2007 Forty-fifth session of the Commission for Social Development, New York; fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York.

2006 Fiftieth session of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York; Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, New York; Third Committee, sixtieth session of the United Nations General Assembly, New York.

2005-1998	Annual sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women, New York; Third Committee, sessions of the General Assembly, New York.
2000	Joint meeting on a dialogue between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Finland on human rights and women, Helsinki.
2000-2003	Annual sessions of the Commission on Human Rights, Geneva.
2003	Joint meeting on human rights between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the European Union, Brussels.
2002	Joint meeting on human rights between the Islamic Republic of Iran and the European Union, Tehran.
2001	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) meeting of Central and South Asia Eminent Persons on environment and energy, Bishkek.
1997	Religion, Science and Environment, Symposium II: The Black Sea in Crisis.
1992-1996	United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) Expert Group Meetings on In-Use Motor Vehicle Inspection for Emissions Control in the Asia-Pacific Region, as focal point.

International projects directed

1994-1997	Integrated master plan for air pollution control in the greater Tehran area, in cooperation with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).
1993-1997	Emission reduction plan for Tehran's transportation fleet, financed by Global Environment Facility.

Research activities

2007	Comprehensive study on the environmental impact assessment of Qeshm Island, Islamic Republic of Iran.
1996	Feasibility study on the photochemical smog phenomena in the City of Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran.
1996	Study analysis on the concentration of volatile organic compounds in three major gas stations in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran.
1995	Estimation of the real cost per kilometre travelled in Tehran and an overview of industrial emission, Tehran.
1995	Air quality analysis in urban and outer city bus terminals, Tehran.
1994	Feasibility study on the application of image processing in urban air pollution, Tehran.
1994	Effects of two-stroke engine oils on motorcycle emissions, Tehran.
1993	Effects of engine tune-up and cyclic services on the reduction of gasoline engine emissions, Tehran.

Technical reports and publications

1995 City report, Worldwide Symposium of Pollution in Large Cities (World Health Organization); Padova country report, study meeting on environmental management and control (International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14000), Asian Productivity Organization, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China.

Effects on use of two-stroke oils on reduction of carbon monoxide, hydrocarbon and nitrogen oxide emissions in motorcycles: Proceedings of the International Conference on Motor Vehicles and Environment, Tehran.

Study of the international trend in emission control of diesel motors up to 1995, Proceedings of the International Conference on Motored Vehicles and Environment, Tehran.

Environmental Management in Tehran: UNIDO colloquium on industrialization and urban development, Vienna.

Tehran action plans for improving the living environment, Dubai International Conference for Habitat, Dubai.

Country report, International Colloquium of Mayors on Social Development, New York.

1994 City report, Municipal Leaders' Summit on Climate Change and the Urban Environment, Amsterdam.

Country report, Expert Group Meeting on Type Approval for Emission Control in the Asia-Pacific Region (UNIDO), Jakarta.

City report, World Conference on Metropolitan Governance, Tokyo.

Country report, Third Conference of the World Capitals, Tokyo.

Country report, Expert Group Meeting on the Effects of Fuel Standards on Motor Vehicle Emissions (UNIDO), Beijing.

Saliva thiocyanate: a chemical indicator of cigarette smoking, Proceedings of the Second International Conference on Environmental Planning and Management, Tehran.

Inspection of in-use motor vehicles in Tehran, Expert Group Meeting on In-Use Motor Vehicle Inspection for Emission Control in the Asia-Pacific Region (UNIDO, UNDP), Seoul.

City report, Municipal Leaders' Summit on Climate Change and the Urban Environment, United Nations, New York.

Eastern European States

Andrey A. Nikiforov (Russian Federation)

Born: Moscow

Professional career

1981	Graduated from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations.
1982-1983	Embassy of the USSR in Jamaica.
1983-1989	Attaché, Third Secretary, Latin-American Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the USSR.
1989- 1993	Third Secretary, Embassy of the USSR/Russian Federation in the Cooperative Republic of Guyana.
1993-1995	First Secretary, Department for International Humanitarian and Cultural Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation; member of the International Quadripartite Commission on Refugees in Georgia/Abkhazia.
1995-1999	First Secretary, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, New York.
1999-2002	Head of Division, Department for Compatriot Affairs and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.
2002-2007	Counsellor, Senior Counsellor (Head of the Human Rights and Social Issues Division), Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, New York.
2007-present	Deputy Director, Department for Humanitarian Affairs and Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation.
2008-present	Expert, United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

Paticipation in international forums

1993-2007	Sessions of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and the Human Rights Council; Executive Committee of the Programme of the High Commissioner for Refugees, Council of International Organization for Migration.
1995	Preparatory Committee for the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen.
1995	Preparatory Committee for the Fourth World Conference on Women, Beijing.
1995-2006	Sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission for Social Development, the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations.

1999-2002	Meetings of the Steering Group of the Conference on Refugees and Displaced Persons on the Territory of the Former Soviet Union.
2000-2001	Sessions of the United Nations Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights of the Commission on Human Rights.
2002	Twenty-seventh special session of the General Assembly on children.
2002-2006	Sessions of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
2002-2006	Ad Hoc Committee on a Comprehensive and Integral International Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities.
2005	Summit 2005.
2005-2006	General Assembly open-ended consultations on the question of establishment of Human Rights Council.
2006	High-level Meeting on Migration and Development.

Languages: English, Russian, Spanish.

Latin American and Caribbean States

Adolfo Chávez Beyuma (Plurinational State of Bolivia)

Adolfo Chávez Beyuma began his scholarly education in Tumichuca, Department of Beni, and received his Bachelor's degree from Eduardo Avaroa, a university located in the city of Riberalta. Subsequently, he studied theology in the Instituto Tecnológico Alborada, in the city of Guayaramerin.

After many years away from his hometown, Mr. Chávez Beyuma returned in 1994, after completing his studies. It was there that he began to work actively within the community. Within a relatively short period, he was elected as a juror for the national elections by the Electoral Court Department.

Thereafter, he became a professor at the school of Tumupasa until 1997. In the same year, he served as a pastor in an evangelical church and took his first steps within the Consejo Indígena del Pueblo Tacana (CIPTA), an influential organization within the indigenous movement. Mr. Chávez Beyuma was elected Secretary of Indigenous Land and Territory Central to Indigenous People of La Paz. He served as representative of the indigenous population of Tacana and was re-elected in 1999, serving in that position until 2002.

The following year, and in 2004, he served as mayor under the mandate of the communal assembly in the district of Tumupasa.

Between 2001 and 2003, he served as co-coordinator along with Zulema Lehm in the development of the Strategy for Natural Resources Control Tierra Comunitaria de Origen (TCO) Tacana 2001-2005 (Estrategia de Manejo de Recursos Naturales de la TCO Tacana). With financial support from the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)/Bolivia, he led a team of technological professionals who relied on local and communal experts for territorial knowledge and management.

With support from his hometown of Tacana, Mr. Chávez Beyuma was chosen as a representative for the Unidad de Territorialidad Indígena de las Tierras Bajas in 2003.

Beginning in the year 2004, Mr. Chávez Beyuma assisted in the process of territorial managment, which led to his being elected by the Consejo Indígena del Pueblo Tacana (CIPTA) as Coordinating Secretary of Non-Timber Natural Resources. He has led the debate and the consolidation of community businesses by governing under the Code of Trade in respect of differentiating among those businesses.

The town of Tacana elected Mr. Chávez Beyuma candidate for the Indigenous People's General Assembly of La Paz (CPILAP), where candidates were elected to represent the Grand Assembly. He served as director of the Confederación de Pueblos Indígenas de Bolivia (CIDOB) for four years. He was then elected as a running candidate for CIDOB by the CPILAP assembly and was elected to the Assembly in August 2006, where he still holds his position.

Alvaro Esteban Pop Ac (Guatemala)

Mr. Pop Ac, a Maya Q'eqchi, is a political analyst. He studied political science and international relations at Rafael Landivar University. For the past 15 years, he has actively advocated for indigenous peoples' rights, in particular drawing the attention of the national and international communities to the situation in the areas of education, human rights, sexuality, health and citizenship.

Founder and current general director of Naleb', a civil society organization specializing in the analysis of the national budget; dialogue and debate on State reform in multicultural societies; the political participation of indigenous peoples; and the contribution of input to legislative efforts in Guatemala (1997-2008).

Head of the Indigenous electoral observation mission, 1999, 2003 and 2007.

Columnist for *Prensa Libre*. Founder and editor-in-chief of the quarterly magazine *Baq'iun*.

Member of the Academic council of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Chair on communication for the strengthening of cultural diversity in Guatemala.

Chair of the Executive Board of Save the Children Guatemala.

Member/Executive member of the Association for research and social studies (ASIES). Member of the Visión de País group.

Executive member of the Soros Foundation in Guatemala.

Member of the support group for the Central American *Primero aprendo* education project for the eradication of child labour.

Member of the award committee for the *Héroes Anónimos* programme, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/Bancafé.

He has maintained close ties with indigenous (especially Mayan and Garifuna) institutions and organizations working in rural areas. In that context, he initiated an intensive discussion with the media, international and national civil servants, and entrepreneurs about HIV/AIDS in rural and indigenous communities.

Executive coordinator of the "National campaign for inter-ethnic dialogue: Our diversity is our strength!", a coalition of various national institutions managed by the Mesoamerican regional investigations centre (CIRMA). A fundamental tool in this campaign was the interactive exhibition entitled "Why are we the way we are?" (1999-2005).

He coordinated the activities of the National commission of indigenous peoples for constitutional reform. This involved drafting, jointly with the indigenous and general political leadership of Guatemala, a constitutional reform proposal for the consideration and approval of the Congress of the Republic (1997-1998).

He participated in the preparatory process for the Agreement on Identity and Rights of Indigenous Peoples (substantive agreement of the Guatemalan peace agreements) and, later, in the negotiation of the Fiscal Pact (1993-1994).

A few of his international activities include:

- Guest of honour of the King and Queen of Spain
- International Visitor Leadership Program of the State Department of the United States of America
- Annual meeting of the Biarritz Group (association of former presidents of Latin America)
- Panellist for the Board of Governors of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
- Speaker at the annual Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA)
- Analyst of constitutional reform in Bolivia
- Speaker at the forum on fiscal reform for the signature of the Education Agreement by the candidates to the Mexican Presidency, held by the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

Mirian Masaquiza (Ecuador)

Current position: First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations

Academic qualifications

2003	Human rights specialist Andean human rights programme, Simón Bolívar Andean University, Quito, Ecuador
2001	International human rights and indigenous peoples' rights Indigenous fellowship programme of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland
1998	Bachelor's degree in travel agency management, Equinoctial University of Technology (UTE), Quito, Ecuador

Work experience

2009-present	First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations.
2008-2009	First Secretary, Office of the President of the sixty-third session of the United Nations General Assembly.
2004-2008	Social Affairs Officer, secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
2004	Consultant for the Inter-American Development Bank.
2003	Consultant for the secretariat of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for the preparation of the Global Forum of Indigenous Peoples and the Information Society, World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS), New York.
2003	International affairs assistant for the national federation of peasant, indigenous and black organizations (FENOCIN) in Ecuador.
2002	Coordinator of the international affairs department of the Institute for social development and scientific research (INDESIC) and FENOCIN.
2002	Consultant for the preparation of and follow-up to the first session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.
1991-1999	Coordinator of the agritourism project, FENOCIN.

Other relevant experience

For five years, Ms. Masaquiza (Kichwa-Salasaca) was a staff member of the secretariat of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. The secretariat team facilitated and witnessed several historic events related to the work of the United Nations for indigenous peoples: the proclamation of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People with its programme of action, the adoption by the Commission on the Status of Women of the resolution entitled "Indigenous women beyond the ten-year review of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for

Action" and the landmark United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Ms. Masaquiza was one of the founding members of the Permanent Forum secretariat; her contributions were varied, encompassing, inter alia, communications support, gender issues, inter-agency affairs, outreach to indigenous populations, political analysis, cultural issues and educational matters.

United Nations languages spoken: Spanish, English.

Gabriel Muyuy Jacanamejoy (Colombia)

Coordinator of the capacity-building and training programme

Academic qualifications

1984-1987	Studies in anthropology, Bolivarian University, Medellín.
1988	Bachelor's degree in philosophy, Mariana University, Pasto.
2007-2008	Master's degree studies in government and public policy, Externado University of Colombia.

Work experience

2009	Coordinator of the capacity-building and training programme of the Fund for the development of the indigenous peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean.
2008-2009	Consultant/coordinator, UNDP, Colombia.
2008-2009	Consultant/coordinator, Norwegian Refugee Council, Colombia.
2008	External adviser, Ministry of Culture, Colombia.
2001-2008	Ombudsman for indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities of the Colombian Office of the Ombudsman.
2000-2001	Gender adviser for the Higher school of public administration.
1999	Professor at Nueva Granada Military University.
1991	Adviser, National Constituent Assembly of Colombia.
1991-1998	Senator of the Republic of Colombia.

Other relevant experience

A philosopher, having completed studies in anthropology and a master's degree in government and public policy at the Mariana University, Pasto, the Bolivarian University, Medellín and the Externado University of Colombia.

Broad experience in, inter alia, human and educational development; indigenous and ethnic group issues; and environmental, political, economic and administrative law at the national and international levels. Social, cultural and human rights research on the collective and comprehensive human rights of ethnic groups.

Lecturer at forums, conferences and universities nationally and internationally. Author of a number of articles on educational, environmental, social, cultural, political and ethnic subjects, published in various specialized books and journals in Colombia and internationally.

Member of the Inga people of the Sibundoy valley in Putumayo, Colombia. Extensive experience with the National Indigenous Organization of Colombia (ONIC), of which he was Vice-Chair, and twice Senator of the Republic representing the Movimiento Indígena de Colombia.

Promoter of grass-roots organizations and social processes at the regional and local levels. Ombudsman for indigenous peoples and ethnic minorities of the Colombian Office of the Ombudsman.

An effective facilitator of collective efforts towards dialogue on topics involving territorial and ethnic human rights among indigenous peoples, ethnic minorities and the Government.

United Nations languages spoken: Spanish.

Western European and other States

Eva Rita Katarina Biaudet (Finland)

Education and academic qualifications

Law studies, University of Helsinki

Work experience

2007-2009	Special Representative and Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)
1991-2006	Member of Parliament
1999-2000	Minister of Health and Social Services
2002-2003	Minister of Health and Social Services
1989-1990	Planning Officer, Swedish Peoples' Party

Other relevant experience

Membership in the following parliamentary committees: Foreign Affairs Committee, Finance Committee, Environment Committee, Social Affairs and Health Committee, Employment and Equality Committee, Subcommittee for Education and Science, Subcommittee for Social and Labour Affairs, Finnish Delegation to the Nordic Council, Finnish delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Finnish delegation to the Conference of Parliamentarians of the Arctic Region.

International assignments: Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)/OSCE (Moscow Mechanism, register for experts) 2006-2009; Global Leaders of Tomorrow (World Economic Forum), 2001-2004; European Liberal Democrats (ELDR) Council, 1995.

Municipal positions of trust: Helsinki City Council, Helsinki City Environmental Board, Helsinki University Hospital board.

Official languages of the United Nations: English, French.

Bartolomé Clavero Salvador (Spain)

Present position: Professor and Head of Department, History of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Seville

Education and academic qualifications

1972 Doctor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Seville.

Work experience

1969-1973 Assistant professor, History of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Seville.

1973-1976 Associate professor, History of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Seville.

1976-1980 Senior professor, History of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Seville.

1980-1989 Professor/Head of Department, History of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Cadiz.

1989-present Professor/Head of Department, History of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Seville.

Other relevant experience

Dr. Clavero, Professor and Head of Department at the University of Seville and professor in indigenous law and policy programmes at this and other Spanish and Latin-American Universities, is well known for his work on the research, promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples, both nationally and internationally, and has authored a number of books on indigenous peoples' history and law. Dr. Clavero has regularly cooperated, from its very inauguration and as a member of the academic staff, with the Indigenous Fellowship Programme of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. In the field of international cooperation, Dr. Clavero has been senior adviser to UNICEF in workshops for the implementation of the UNDAF (United Nations Development Assistance Framework) in Bolivia (January, 2001). In 2007, Professor Clavero was appointed member of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues for an initial period of three years (2008-2010). During his tenure as a member of the Permanent Forum, Dr. Clavero submitted the following documents to the Permanent Forum: a conference room paper on the significance and unique status of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in international human rights law; a report on the mandate stemming from the Declaration for all United Nations agencies, bodies and programmes (co-authored with Carsten Smith); and a report on the "rights of nature" or the "rights of Mother Earth" (co-authored with Carlos Mamani). Dr. Clavero has also participated in various expert and outreach seminars as well as in country visits in his capacity as a member of the Permanent Forum, and contributed to the first major publication on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: *Making the Declaration Work: The UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* (2009).

Official languages of the United Nations: Spanish, English.

Megan Davis (Australia)

Present position: Director, Indigenous Law Centre and Senior Lecturer

Education and academic qualifications

January 2010	Australian National University, Candidate, PhD (law)
2003	Australian National University, Master of Laws (LLM) (international law)
2000	Australian National University, Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice (GDLP)
1999	University of Queensland, Bachelor of Laws (LLB)
1998	University of Queensland, Bachelor of Arts (Australian Studies) (BA)

Work experience

2006-present	Director, Indigenous Law Centre and Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales
2004-2006	Senior Research Fellow, Jumbunna Indigenous House of Learning, University of Technology, Sydney
2002-2004	Director, Bill of Rights Project, Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law, University of New South Wales
2000-2002	Legal Counsel, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC)
1999	United Nations Indigenous Fellow, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights
1998-1999	Legal researcher, Foundation for Aboriginal Islander Research Action
1995-1999	Legal cadet, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC)

Other relevant experience

Megan Davis is a Commissioner of the NSW Land and Environment Court. Ms. Davis has participated for 10 years in indigenous international advocacy at the United Nations and was the first Indigenous Australian selected to receive the United Nations Indigenous Fellowship at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva in 1999. Since then, she has actively participated in indigenous advocacy at the United Nations and has worked as a legal adviser to the Foundation for Aboriginal Islander Research Action (FAIRA) and the Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) and at in the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Subcommission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, the open-ended intersessional working group of the Commission on Human Rights charged with elaborating a draft declaration on the rights of indigenous people, and the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. Over the course of the past 10 years, Ms. Davis has consulted for the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, and the World Intellectual Property Organization. At the Indigenous

Law Centre, she has overseen the preparation of indigenous shadow reports for submission to the Human Rights Committee regarding the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women. In 2005, she appeared before the Committee on the Rights of the Child. Ms. Davis has published widely on the subject of indigenous rights in international law. She is the Australian member of the International Law Association Indigenous Rights Committee and is currently writing a legal text with Dr. Sarah Pritchard on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in Australian law. Her PhD thesis is on the subject of the right of self-determination in international law and Aboriginal women in Australia. Ms. Davis is a Cobble Cobble Aboriginal woman from South East Queensland and is of South Sea Island descent.

Official languages of the United Nations: English.